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The following [redacted] on the fourth zonal convention (Parteitag)  
of the LDP, which was held in Eisenach from 30 June to 2 July 1951.

1. The speakers at the convention may be divided into two categories, one composed mostly of older persons, which retains a more or less true liberal conviction and protests, however cautiously, the present conditions in the DDR, and the other, composed mainly of younger persons, whose speeches would be hardly indistinguishable from those presented at meetings of the SED. This latter group included mostly representatives of the so-called non-political organizations such as the Union of Victims of Fascism, the FDJ, the Society for German-Soviet Friendship, the Union for Friendship with Poland, etc. General Secretary Tscherner announced that the LDP had lost 28.7% of its 1949 membership, but had gained 27.8% in new members.

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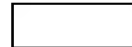
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